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FOR SECRETARY FROM MOYNIHAN

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SUBJECT: KOREAN RESOLUTIONS

1. BOTH THE FRIENDLY AND THE HOSTILE KOREAN RESOLUTIONS PASSED THE FIRST COMMITTEE TONIGHT. WE MANAGED TO GET EIGHT MORE VOTES FOR OURS THAN THEY DID FOR THEIRS. THEY GOT A WIDER MARGIN, THIRTEEN AS AGAINST EIGHT.

2. EXCEPT FOR THE MARGIN, THIS IS ABOUT WHAT WE EXPECTED. A BETTER OUTCOME, PERHAPS, THAN WE EXPECTED THREE MONTHS AGO. IN TRUTH, THE AMAZING THING IS THAT WE CAN STILL GET A MAJORITY FOR ANY PROPOSAL OF OURS IN THIS FORUM. ALL THE FORMER PORTUGUESE COLONIES HAVE COME IN, AND THEY AUTOMATICALLY VOTE WITH THE COMMUNISTS. LAOS AND CAMBODIA NOW ARE COMMUNIST. PLACES SUCH AS GUYANA SEEM LOST TO US. MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE CANT SEEM TO CARRY THE BIG LATIN STATES ANY MORE. NEITHER ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, VENEZUELA OR MEXICO WOULD VOTE WITH US AGAINST THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION. NOR WOULD ALLIES SUCH AS TURKEY AND GREECE.

3. IN ANY EVENT, THE NORTH KOREANS PLAY HARD BALL. THE AUSTRALIANS, AS YOU MAY KNOW, WERE THE FIRST COUNTRY HAVING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA WHICH
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ANNOUNCED THEY WOULD NONETHELESS VOTE FOR OUR RESOLUTION AND

AGAINST THE OTHER. HOWEVER, YESTERDAY THEY INFORMED US THE NORTH KOREANS HAD SAID IF THEY DO SO, THEIR EMBASSY WOULD BE ENDANGERED. TODAY, THEY WERE INFORMED THAT IF THEY VOTED AGAINST THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION, NORTH KOREA WOULD BREAK RELATIONS. THE AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR HERE AT FIRST TOOK THE PROPER STANCE THAT THEY WOULD NOT BE THREATENED AND WERE NOW FIXED IN THEIR RESOLVE. ALAS, FIVE MINUTES BEFORE THE VOTE HE CAME OVER AND TOLD ME THAT ON INSTRUCTIONS OF THE PRIME MINISTER, AUSTRALIA WOULD ABSTAIN ON THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION.

4. THE ONLY BRIGHT SPOT WAS AFRICA WHERE A GREAT MANY COUNTRIES HELD WITH US. ON THE OTHER HAND NIGERIA AND ZAIRE VOTED AGAINST US, AS OF COURSE DID TANZANIA AND THE LIKE. AS I UNDERSTAND IT, THE VIEW IN THE DEPARTMENT IS THAT THEY DO THIS BECAUSE WE DON'T GIVE THEM ENOUGH AID. MOYNIHAN

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